

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

ATTY.'S DOCKET: In re Application of: Art Unit: 1772 Kenji SAKAI Examiner: Appln. No.: 09/747,925 Washington, D.C. Date Filed or 102(e) date: December 27, 2000 Confirmation No. 3454 For: SLIDING MATERIAL MADE OF August 1, 2002 COPPER ALLOY, METHOD OF ...

REQUEST FOR STATUS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

As more than 18 months have passed since this application was filed or entered into the United States National Stage and no office action has yet been received, the applicant hereby respectfully makes inquiry as to the status of the above-identified application.

As 37 CFR 1.2 states that the action of the PTO "will be based exclusively on the written record", applicant needs and therefore requests a written reply.

Respectfully submitted,

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